

# JONATA

## TODOS 2012

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

75% syrah, 7% merlot, 7% cabernet sauvignon, 4% sangiovese, 4% petit verdot  
2% viognier, 1% cabernet franc

40% new French oak, 60% neutral French oak | 2200 Cases Produced

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO  
*Vineyard Manager*

MATT DEES  
*Winemaker*

DREW PICKERING  
*Assistant Winemaker*

## VINEYARD RUMINATIONS

2012 was one of those rare vintages when both quantity and quality were very high. In a year where Mother Nature gave us a beneficially stacked deck with basically uninterrupted sunshine and warm days, I believe we played our hand perfectly at Jonata.

What appeared to be three tons per acre turned out to be six+ tons at harvest in some other vineyards. At Jonata, we decided early in the growing season to make a move toward continued quality and thus went about a very vigorous yield-thinning followed by an equally aggressive green drop at veraison. The resulting small yields gave us wines that are densely packed with fruit, but also alive with an invigorating tension. Even at an early stage, many of them were already mesmerizing.

## ON THE WINE

Defined by exuberant fruit, both red and black. Also shaped by familiar Jonata notes of smoked sausage, black pepper, and black plum skin. Fruit sweetness and power also mixed with fennel and Indian spices. Plush fruit on the attack, remaining pure throughout the attack and mid-palate.

Tremendous depth from the seemingly endless 2012 summer. Truly a pleasure to drink today.

Perfectly balanced and evolved tannins. By no means a shrinking violet, managing to retain exceptional overall balance. Syrah sexiness combined with cabernet sauvignon focus and structure.

## ACCOLADES

**93 POINTS** Jeb Dunnuck *The Wine Advocate* #220 August 2015

**93 POINTS** Antonio Galloni's *Vinous* August 2015